Change

Starting Tuesday the new commissary hours are Monday-Thursday 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Friday 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and closed Sunday.



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# **Combat Touch**

Kelsey Knight helps Faith Marroquin select a prize at Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed Night at the Lajes Base Chapel Tuesday. AWANA is a Bible-based youth program that teaches children through three different methods: study, counsel and game time. There are more than 75 participants here at Lajes ranging from age 3 to 18. (Photo by Senior Airman Jacob McCarthy)

# Daylight Saving Time



Set your clocks back one hour Sunday.

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#### **Self-Improvement**

"Victory smiles upon those who anticipate the changes in the character of war, not upon those who wait to adapt themselves after the changes occur."  $\,$ 

Italian Air Marshall Giulio Douhet

Self-improvement in support of anticipated mission requirements is at the heart of everything we do as members of the profession of arms — especially in our dynamic world. It is the intrinsic factor that you bring to the fight. Personal improvement builds upon what you are trained to do and what you are capable of doing. Your efforts to improve can directly impact the mission.

Your focus should be on deliberate self-improvement — not "square filling." You must tailor your efforts to improve areas that lead to value-added contributions to the mission and combat readiness should be your first concern. Every combat veteran will attest that personal readiness can mean the difference between mission success or failure on the battlefield. As an example, personal fitness is more than the ability to run, do a few push-ups, and crunches — it is developing the mental and physical acuity necessary to outperform your adversary. In identifying an area for self-improvement ask yourself, "Will my improvement in this area benefit the mission?" If you answer "yes", pull the trigger and dedicate yourself to achieving that goal.

Expect challenges along the way — no real goal is without adversity. Go around them, go over them, go under them, or dig through them. Be relentless — don't ever turn back. Make self-improvement goals the dominant focus in your life. It is a known fact that successful people make an "obsession" of their self-improvement goals. Benjamin Franklin's entire life reflected his belief in self-improvement — a model of the self-made man. He worked constantly to improve and became one of the most respected intellects of the Western world.

There are many resources available to you in your quest for focused self-improvement. Combat Education is designed to assist you in removing obstacles in pursuit of educational goals. USAFE University stands ready to bolster any technical, professional, or educational goal you may have. Supervisors will mentor and guide you in attaining the resources you need.

The message is clear — develop a professional edge on your competition. We give you the tools and training needed to do your job, and you bring the courage, determination, and passion to excel. Your personal contributions are what make our Air Force the most feared and respected in the world — every day you improve, we all get better!





"Bring Your Courage"

# Commander's Line

Call 2-4240 or e-mail actionline@lajes.af.mil.



The Commander's Line is your direct link to me for suggestions, kudos and as a way to work problems or issues within the 65th Air Base Wing for which you can't find another solution.

Your chain of command should always be your first option for praise or problems -- but when that's not the answer, call or e-mail the CC Line.

Col. Robert Winston 65th Air Base Wing commander



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# **Command Chief greets Team Lajes**

By Chief Master Sgt. Laten Williams 65th Air Base Wing command chief

Greetings Team Lajes and thank you for the warm family welcome. It is my absolute pleasure and an honor to serve with you all as your command chief.

My family and I are tremendously excited and delighted to be here.

As I mentioned to Col. Winston during my interview for this job, I see my role as simply this — to be the biggest cheerleader of our troops, to work with and for our team to get the job done.

I say this because I believe that as a chief master sergeant, and especially as a command chief, the stripes that I wear are just on loan to me. They rightfully belong to the United States of America, who has placed her faith in me and entrusted us with the care of her sons and daughters.

We all voluntarily raised our right hand and pledged to serve along side each other in defense of freedom and the American way of life.

I ask you to never

forget the important roles you each play on the team and to respect the contributions of others who make us the very best war-fighting machine in the world.

Also, don't forget we are a nation at war, even from Lajes, we play a significant role in supporting the warfighters who transit through our location.

I hope you have high expectations of me, as I have of you all. We are without question, the best Air Force in the world and world champions.

That doesn't come easy; it takes hard work and commitment to be the best. I know we sometimes ask a lot of each other, and even when you're giving it your all, we ask more.

Whether you're here for 15 or 24 months, or longer, I challenge each of you to give it your all in making a positive difference, to make Team Lajes the best we can be in working side-by-side with our host nation partners.

Once again, thanks for a great welcome. I look forward to serving with you. See you around the base and our community.

# **Meet the New Command Chief**

Chief Master Sgt. Laten Williams

Rank/Full name: Chief Master Sgt. Laten Williams Family: Wife: Helen (married 17 and a half years); Son: Terence (13 years old, 9<sup>th</sup> grade); Daughter: Kiana (5 years old, kindergarten)

Hometown: Stuart, Fla.
Time in service: 22

**Previous assignment:** Aviano Air Base, Italy

**Job at previous assignment:** 31st Operations Group chief enlisted manager and 31st Fighter Wing Interim command chief

**Hobbies:** Spending time with my family, playing basketball, listening to music, watching movies and sports

What's the most rewarding part of being a command chief? Helping people take care of the mission and our team members.

What do you look forward to the most during your time here? Just want to be part of this championship team in getting the job done every day.

**Who's your role model? Why?** Too many to list, but I love people with positive attitudes.

Goal for the wing: The immediate one provides a great opportunity for us all to excel by taking the results of our recent UCI and making things better. Whether you've been here for a while or just arrived, you're now part of the team. Let's approach this with a positive attitude. Overall, we want to take care of our primary mission of the base, our people and their families

What else do you want our readers to know about you? Glad to be here and looking forward to being a member of our championship team here at Lajes.

# Commander expresses appreciation during realignment

Col. Robert Winston 65th Air Base Wing commander

I wish to thank all of Lajes Field's Portuguese employees for their patience during the recent Top of The Rock Club and Army and Air Forces Exchange Service organizational realignments.

We made every effort to expedite the process with the primary goal in mind of avoiding adverse action to affected employees. I'm happy to say we have completed the realignments with no undesirable actions to local employees.

I recognize this was a stressful time.

I'm not happy to say we created an atmosphere of uncertainy, but I appreciate that you did not falter. Instead, you pressed on and accomplished the mission. By your flexibility and willingness to help us work out equitable solutions for workers directly affected by these changes, you have made the TORC and AAFES realignments very successful. You are truly the unsung heroes of Team Lajes.

For those employees who agreed to leave Team Lajes, I sincerely thank you for your years of service and dedication. The base here owes you a great deal of appreciation and we wish you well in your future endeavors.

For those who remain, I look forward to our continued success together.

I'm proud to serve with each and every one of you.

Team Lajes is very proud to announce we completed the realignments with no adverse action to any local national employees. This was a very important goal for us from the beginning, and we are extremely happy about the achievement. I'd like to thank you for a job well done.



# Everyday Hero Noel Taylor



Rank/Name: Noel Taylor Organization: 65<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron

**Duty title:** Commander's Secretary

**Job description:** Provide/ maintain the 65th CS Commander's calendar; review/finalize a wide variety of correspondence. I am the voice to the 65th CS Commander.

Hometown: Salem, Ill.
Spouse/children: 1 Spouse/ 4
Children

What's the best aspect of your job? Daily interaction with different people — I really like the people I work with.

What are your career goals? Move into managerial position

**Life goal:** To own my own business

One word to describe you: Benevolent

**Hobbies:** Running, reading, volunteering and spending time with my husband

Favorite food: Mexican
Favorite color: Purple
Pet peeve: Not being on time
adherence to a schedule.

No one knows: I love Pillsbury (hot, fresh out of the oven) cinnamon rolls with a glass of ice cold milk at 9 at night -- of course, I limit them to special occasions only.

When I was growing up, I wanted to be: Flight attendant The first thing I would do if

The first thing I would do if I won \$1,000,000 is: Ask for a "want list" from my family.

# Combat Education Lajes personnel earn CCAF degree

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud 65th ABW Public Affairs

More than 25 Team Lajes personnel donned a cap and gown for the fall Community College of the Air Force Graduation Wednesday.

CCAF is an accredited college with 66 degree programs that helps enlisted people obtain an Associate in Applied Science Degree while serving on active-duty.

Students are awarded credit for their technical schools, which is applied toward the 64-credit requirement for a degree that relates to their Air Force Specialty.

"Most students are surprised to find out how close they are to graduation when they come to the education office," said Maria Tristao-Rocha, Base Education counselor.

Students can obtain credit by taking classes at one of the three colleges here, online from a college of their choice, or from the College Level Examination Program.

"Students who have taken college courses prior to joining the military, can use those credits toward their CCAF as well," said Ms. Tristao-Rocha. The school must be accredited and students must have achieved at least a 'C' in the class to apply the credits.

"I wish I had started earlier," said Tech. Sgt. Sean Moseley, 65th Services Squadron, who graduated this week. "It really shouldn't have taken me as long as it did."

Sergeant Moseley obtained all the credits he needed through his military courses, training and CLEP.

His advice to Team Lajes members pursuing their CCAF is, "Start early in your career and stay focused until it's completed," he said.

"It's a lot easier than what people probably think," added Senior Airman David McQuistan, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron. "Just start CLEPing anything and everything then see where you stand."

Students can CLEP up to 30 credits toward their CCAF. Some of the most common are oral communications (Speech), English and Humanities.

"There is the misconception that because the CCAF degree in applied science is awarded by the Community College of the Air Force, that it only has any value if the student is planning on continuing a career in the Air Force," explained Ms. Tristao-Rocha. "That is not so. The Community College of the Air Force is an accredited college and any degrees obtained from it have the same value in the civilian world as would a degree from any other civilian college. Even if the degree title does not relate to a career path the student plans on pursuing in the civilian world, it is still an accomplishment worth listing on a resume and speaks

to the versatility and scope of training and education obtained by the student."

In addition, individuals who already have a CCAF degree and have retrained can get an additional CCAF degree in their current career field.

Students who come in for a new degree will be pleasantly surprised as to how close they are to obtaining that second degree, said Ms. Tristao-Rocha. "In many cases, these students needn't take any further classes."

Military members can visit the education office to find out where they stand and get advice on how to complete their CCAF degree in the shortest time possible, or view their progress report on the Air Force Portal.

The Lajes Field Fall 2005 CCAF Graduates are:

Staff Sgt. Steven Alldredge, 65th Operations Support Squadron — Aviation Maintenance Technology; Staff Sqt. Weldys Baez, 65<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron — Restaurant, Hotel and Fitness Management; Staff Sqt. James Brewster, 729th Air Mobility Squadron -Avionic Systems Technology; Tech. Sqt. Mark Campbell, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron — Disaster Preparedness; Senior Airman Kentrelle Evans, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron - Logistics; Master Sgt. Steven Guajardo, 65<sup>th</sup> LRS — Logistics; Tech. Sgt. Alvin Harris Jr., 65th LRS — Transportation; Staff Sgt. Vanessa King, 65th CES — Information Management; Tech. Sqt. Jose Lopez, 65th Mission Support Squadron - Health Care Management; Staff Sgt. Shila Maldonado-McKnight, 65th Medical Operations Squadron — Allied Health Sciences; Senior Airman David McQuistan, 65th CES Mechanical and Electrical Technology; Tech. Sgt. Sean Moseley, 65th SVS — Restaurant, Hotel and Fitness Management; Senior Airman Nathan Piercey, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron — Criminal Justice; Master Sgt. Rhonda Playle, 65th Mission Support Group — Logistics; Staff Sgt. John Sales, 65th LRS — Logistics; Staff Sgt. Ray Sandoval, 65th MDOS — Health Care Management: Staff Sqt. Nicholas Schuman. 729<sup>th</sup> AMS — Avionic Systems Technology; Tech. Sgt. Raynelle Signorotti, 65th MSS -Human Resource Management; Staff Sgt. Aaron Smith, 65th CES — Human Resource Management; Senior Airman Jeremy Taboada, 729th AMS — Transportation; Senior Airman Belita Thompson, 65th Communications Squadron — Electronic Systems Technology; Staff Sgt. Jerry Thompson, 65<sup>th</sup> MDOS — Allied Health Sciences; Staff Sqt. Clifford Vangieson, 65th Comptroller Squadron — Financial Management; and Tech. Sqt. Andrew Williams, 65th SFS — Criminal



# Airmen stepping out of the blue have transition resources available

By 1st Lt. Mike Hyland 65th ABW Public Affairs

Air Force members looking to PCS to the civilian world can take advantage of a helpful program at Laies Field.

The Transition Assistance Workshop is a Family Support Center program providing resources to Air Force members thinking of leaving active duty for a civilian career.

Program Coordinator Chris Lowry said Airmen planning on moving to a civilian job should consider enrolling in the seminar between 180 days and 18 months before their separation or retirement date. The seminar is held on a quarterly basis, so Mr. Lowry said an early registration will benefit Air Force members.

"I recommend people sign up as early as a year and a half in advance," he said. "After the initial seminar, Air Force members can always return for individual seminar sessions when their separation and retirement dates approach."

One individual session mem-

bers might want to repeat is the interview preparation.

"We work with students on appropriate dress, interview techniques and what subject matter to speak about," Mr. Lowry said.

The seminar offers students the opportunity to record their interviews and receive peer feedback and instructor critiques.

"If someone has been in the military for 20 years, he or she might not be able to communicate in civilian language. Employers might not understand Air Force acronyms, so our interview training is important for teaching folks strategies and techniques for interviewing in the civilian workforce," he said.

Another important portion of the course is the personal finance session. Financial experts brief on government benefits, civilian pay rates and extended medical and dental opportunities for individuals facing the force shaping board.

"Personal finance is very important. People in the military haven't worried about groceries and rent in a while because

they've been paid for, so folks are going to discover they need to budget for these things after the military," Mr. Lowry said.

Other organizations such as the Military Personnel Flight and Education Office also brief sessions during the workshop, giving a one-stop shop convenience for military members looking to separate.

The job search guidance the seminar offers gives students the opportunity to apply for federal jobs as well as commercial. Information on the federal application process proves to be especially valuable to Lajes members because of the base's geographic location. Mr. Lowry said in many cases, Air Force members can conduct phone interviews and take advantage of DSN lines when applying for federal employment. He said members should take a few days of leave and fly to the location of the interview for commercial jobs. The internet job search portion of the workshop provides useful information in finding the employers to set up interviews.

The Family Support Center

extends assistance to Air Force members leaving active duty after the Transition Assistance Workshop. Mr. Lowry said the staff provides one-on-one service for Airmen to tune up resumes, work on interview technique's and assist with any other aspects of a civilian job search.

While the program is essential for Air Force members, Mr. Lowry said it will provide very useful for dependents as well.

"Family and spouses are encouraged to attend," he said. "They will get the information straight from the horse's mouth rather than waiting for the (active duty member)."

The next Transition Assistance Seminar will run Nov. 16 – 18 at the Family Support Center

Interested members can schedule an appointment by calling the FSC at 2-4138 on base or 295-51-4138 off.

Additional information and resources on transition can be found at the Air Force Personnel Center website at <a href="http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/famops/trans.htm">http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/famops/trans.htm</a>.



# **Passing by**

A C-130 from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, powers down the runway for take-off in high humidity on its way to the desert. The C-130 Hercules is one of many transiting Department of Defense aircraft that stop at Lajes Field. (Photo by Master Sgt. Agustus Schliffke)



# Project CHEER helps brighten holiday season for Airmen

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS)** — More than 72,000 Airmen throughout the command participated in at least one of the 1,200 Project CHEER events in 2004 - 2005.

CHEER, which stands for Creating Hope, Energy, Enthusiasm and Recreation, runs from November through March annually to provide additional support to Airmen ages 18 - 25 during the winter months and holidays.

"There are hundreds of different activities bases offer as a part of their Project CHEER program," said Mandy Smith-Nethercott, USAFE Project Cheer point of contact. "Each base is hosting a variety of fun activities for Airmen such as ski trips, fitness runs, Armed Forces Entertainment concerts and movie nights."

The special interest program develops and implements special events and programming that provide Airmen with various opportunities to socialize relax and enjoy themselves.

"Services is proud to play a big part of the program by offering several command programs such as X-box gaming challenges, pool shark tournaments, cosmic bowling and three-on-three basketball," she said.

During the holiday season, single and unaccompanied Airmen are treated to a variety of special events and programs designed especially for them.

More than 10,000 USAFE Airmen enjoyed free movies, popcorn and a soda at Army, Air Force Exchange Service theatres during Project CHEER's Merry Movie Magic program over the holidays in 2004.

In 2005, Airmen can enjoy a free movie at their USAFE movie theater on Thanksqiving and Christmas Day.

"We've had phenomenal support from sponsors this year," said Smith-Nethercott. "We have a lot of prizes to give away including Edelweiss Lodge and Resort trips, CDs and games, and Armed Forces Vacation Club certificates."

For more information on Project CHEER, call Capt. Ted West at 2-7272.

# **Project CHEER events**

Tuesday -- There will be a Single and unaccompanied member Kickoff mixer 7 p.m. at the community center, featuring the Band "Second to Last"

Wednesday -- Wacky Wednesday pizza at 6 p.m. in the Ocean View Grill Thursday -- Karaoke beginning at 8 p.m. at the Top of the Rock Club.

Nov. 4 -- First Friday Celebration at 5 p.m at the TORC.

Nov. 5 -- 70's Dance Party Nov. 6 -- Football Frenzy at 5 p.m. at the TORC.

Nov. 11 -- The SUM tour will be 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The group will go to the Sao Joao Baptista Fort and Water Cave

Nov. 12 -- Lajes Idol Tres will begin with open Karaoke at 8 p.m. in the TORC Ballroom. A competition with five active-duty members and five civilians will begin at 10 p.m.

# AETC Special-Duty Team coming to Lajes

Anyone whose ever been interested in becoming a recruiter, military training instructor, military training leader, technical training instructor or professional military education instructor can learn about these special-duty assignment opportunities 2 p.m. Nov. 14 at the base theater.

The Air Education and Training Command special-duty team will be here to brief Team Lajes personnel on these career-broadening assignments.

There are few jobs in the Air Force more challenging, satisfying, and rewarding than an AETC special duty assignment.

The minimum grade requirement to apply is an E-3 with at least 24 months time in service, while the maximum is E-7 with less than 17 years Total Active Federal Military Service.

Enlisted personnel from all Air Force Specialty Codes who meet the previously identified criteria are eligible to apply for these positions and are encouraged to attend the briefing. Spouses of potential applicants are also invited. Members of the Recruiter Screening Team and the MTI Recruiting Team will conduct the briefing.

"Recruiters are responsible for the number and quality of young men and women who enlist and begin their Air Force careers. We are the first to touch the lives of our future airman," said Master Sgt. Andrew Sites, NCOIC of the Recruiter Screening Team. "One of our best entitlements is the opportunity to choose your own recruiting assignment from more than 1,100 possible locations."

"Everyone remembers their MTI," said Master Sgt. Antoinette Williams, MTI Recruiting Team superintendent. "The MTI sets the stage for each individual's success in the Air Force and mentors hundreds of new Air Force members. The job is filled with substantial rewards for those who want to have a hand in molding our future air-



Staff Angelique Hall, a military training instructor, is one of the first people Airmen see when they arrive at Basic Military Training. The MTI and Recruiter Screening Team will brief Lajes members interested in a special-duty assignment at 2 p.m. Nov. 14 in the base theater. (Courtesy photo)

man. Besides these intangible benefits, we also are entitled to Special Duty Assignment pay and an annual supplemental clothing allowance."

The team can expedite the processing of an applicant's spe-

cial duty application if they bring the completed application to the briefing. To obtain a copy of the AETC special duty application, contact Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Jack at 2-3612.

(Courtesy of AETC)



# Space-A travel low cost way to fly

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud 65th ABW Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Casey Carter is a popular guy here at Lajes Field.

He's the NCOIC of Passenger Services for the 729<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Squadron, and the one who has all the answers when it comes to catching a Space Available flight out of Lajes Field.

Space A is the opportunity to fly on Department of Defense owned aircraft at little to no cost on a space available

It's cost compared to commercial travel is one of the biggest advantages of this military benefit, explained Sergeant Carter.

Team Lajes personnel can use the Space-A program here for routine flights to Baltimore Washington International Airport in Maryland or Aviano Air Base, Italy.

A flight to BWI will cost passengers approximately \$30, according to Sergeant Carter.

This covers a head tax required for commercial contract missions, as well

as the cost of a box lunch if passengers wish to purchase one.

"For about \$50 the whole family can travel to Baltimore," said Michelle Baez, who has taken the flight a few times with her two children. "From there you can take a flight to wherever you are going."

Trying to catch a flight close to holidays can be harder than in the off season

One of the tips Sergeant Carter offered was to be aware of peak travel times.

"It's busiest when kids are out of school," he said. This includes school breaks and summer vacation.

"It was easy to get there, but harder to get back," said Mrs. Baez of traveling in the summer without her sponsor.

Signing up early can also help a traveler guarantee a spot on the plane.

"If two people are in the same category and we only have one seat, the person who signed up first has priority," Sergeant Carter said.

Potential passengers can sign up for Space A by faxing their request to the passenger terminal, although the sergeant said its best to stop by in person to sign up. "This way, they get a confirmation print out when they sign up and there is no confusion," he said.

People who plan to use Space-A to travel can expect a show time approximately three hours before departure. This allows passenger services to release seats and schedule Space A passengers who are present. They are required to have a completed roll call and manifest an hour before the scheduled departure.

A tentative monthly schedule is available on the Intranet or by stopping by the passenger terminal in building T-612

Sergeant Carter's last bit of advice is to "Come prepared and make sure you have enough money to buy a commercial ticket if you don't make the Space-A flight."

Flying Space Available means exactly that — if there is space available on the plane, military members, retirees, dependents and some DoD civilians can use this benefit and hop on board.

# Frequently asked Space-A Questions

Question: Is Space-A travel a reasonable substitute for travel on a commercial airline?

Answer: The answer depends on you! If your travel schedule is flexible and your finances permit for a stay (sometimes in a "highcost" area), while awaiting movement, Space Available travel is a good travel choice. While some travelers sign up and travel may be the same day, many factors could come together to make buying a commercial ticket your best or only option. Remember, Space A travel success depends on flexibility and good timing.

Question: Where and when can my family members travel with me?

Answer: Except EML, Emergency Travel, and Command Sponsored Category V, family members must be accompanied by the sponsor to fly Space A. Family members may travel to/from and between overseas locations but not within the CONUS unless manifested on domestic leg segments of international travel.

Question: Do I have to be in uniform to travel?

Answer: Currently, all the services permit appropriate civilian attire on DoD-owned or controlled aircraft. When civilian clothing is worn, use common sense. Attire should be in good taste and not in conflict with accepted attire in the overseas country of departure, transit, or destination, as defined by the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide. It should also be capable of keeping you warm, especially on military aircraft.

Question: How much baggage can I take?

Answer: As a Space A traveler, you may check two pieces of luggage at 70 pounds each per person.

Family members traveling together may pool their baggage allowance as long as the total does not exceed the total allowance. You may hand carry only what fits under your seat or in the overhead compartment, if available.

Question: Can my pet travel with me on a Space-A flight?

Answer: No. DoD has reserved pet shipments for passengers in permanent change of station status.

Question: Will Space-A travel cost much?

Answer: In general, no. Some terminals must collect a head tax or a federal inspection fee from Space A passengers on commercial contract missions. Meals may be purchased at a nominal fee out of most air terminals while traveling on military aircraft.

(Courtesy of AMC)

# Categories of travel

### Category 1

Emergency Leave Unfunded Travel

### Category 2

Sponsors in an Environmental Morale Leave status and their dependents traveling with them, also in EML status

#### Category 3

Ordinary Leave, House Hunting Permissive TDY

#### Category 4

Unaccompanied Dependents on EML and DODDS Teachers on EML During Summer

# Category 5

Permissive TDY (Non-House Hunting) Students, Command Sponsored Dependents

#### Category 6

Retired, Dependents, Reserve, ROTC



# Pão por Deus, similar to Halloween, is celebrated by locals

**Question:** Do the Portuguese celebrate Halloween? I've also heard the Portuguese have a similar tradition on All Saints Day. What is it about?

Answer:

The Portuguese people don't have an ingrained tradition of celebrating Halloween, although in the most recent years some parts of the country, including the Azores, started to celebrate it in the form of people dressing in Halloween costumes and participating in parties at bars and clubs.

There's no tradition of trick-or-treat here on the island or anywhere in the country but many local children, especially those who live in the villages surrounding Lajes Field, join the American children in the Halloween tradition.

This is probably a practice that began some decades ago when the local poor children didn't have access to American candy or other sweets and saw the Oct. 31 tradition at Lajes as an opportunity to taste something that was not usually in their reach.

There's another time when the Portuguese also dress in costumes and wear masks, but is in no way related to Halloween. It happens during the three days and nights of Carnaval or Mardi Gras in the Azores, especially on Terceira Island.

It's during this tradition, which is held in February or March that some people dress in the Halloween-like costumes and take advantage of the old tradition to play tricks and make fun of certain situations.

Some regions of Portugal, especially in the Azores, also celebrate an old tradition on All Saints Day called "Pão por Deus," which is somewhat similar to trick-or-treat, although with a different meaning and without the wear of special costumes.

On the morning and part of the

afternoon of All Saints Day, Nov. 1, children go door-to-door asking for donations saying "Pão por Deus" (food in the name of God). Today the donations are mainly in the form of



candy, sweets and small change, but some years ago the kids received pastries, bread, chestnuts, fruits and even other goods.

This is an old tradition probably related with the purpose of giving alms to the poor on All Saints, a day to thank God for and also to honor and remember deceased relatives and friends.

# Preteen Lock-in



Alex Giess and TT Jones, both 6, enjoy late-night skating during the lockin.



Jeremiah Hodges, 7, takes a shot at bowling backward during the Preteen Lock-in Oct. 21. More than 60 children attended the 12-hour lock-in that included a spaghetti dinner, dance off, bowling, skating, games, and ended with breakfast.



Bailey Grimes, 10, skates as Jordan Turner, 8, moves in right behind him during the preteen lock-in.



Reva Lewis, 8, takes advantage of bowling in her pajamas during an all night Lajes Youth Program event planned for preteens. (Photos by Airman 1st Class Tabitha Larson)



# Project SMART Safety office stresses Halloween safety

By Tech. Sgt. Bill Rathbun 65th ABW Safety Office

As we progress into a new fiscal year and begin with a clean slate, please keep safety in your thoughts during all of your activities. Remember daylight savings time changes this weekend, so prepare for it to get dark earlier.

Yes, it is that time of the year again. Ghosts, goblins, witches, and a large assortment of costumed children and adults will be celebrating this year's Halloween. However, I do expect the children and adults to

celebrate with different methods. For the children, it will be time to visit other houses and collect as many treats as possible. For the adults, I expect some costume parties, where water is not the only drink available. Please have a plan before the festivities start.

# Safety Tips

Halloween, the time of treats and ghoulish delights is upon us once again. Children of all ages will take to the streets armed with costumes of seemingly endless variety and bottomless treat containers.

To ensure that the holiday concludes as happily as it

begins, here a few safety tips to help little goblins have a safe Halloween:

- ◆Use non-toxic makeup instead of masks. Masks tend to restrict vision in traffic, on steps and on uneven surfaces
- ◆ Costumes should be short enough to prevent trips and falls
- ◆Wear bright colored or reflective clothing
- ◆Trick-or-treaters should carry flashlights or glow wands when out after dark
- ◆Children should not eat their treats before a parent or responsible adult inspects them for tampering. A good rule is: "When in doubt,

throw it out"

Parents can stop by the passenger terminal, Bldg. T612, and have candy x-rayed between 6 and 8:30 p.m.

- ◆Young children should have adult supervision
- ◆Cross streets where there is good lighting for maximum visibility
- ♦Only go to houses with an outside light on
- ◆Keep children away from open flames. Watch out for candle-lit pumpkins on doorsteps

Don't let this night be remembered in tragedy. Use common sense and have a frightfully good time.

# WHAT ARE YOU COINC TO BE FOR HALLOWEEN?



Name: Alyssa Age: 5

Answer: "I am going to be a witch. Because my grandmother sent the costume to us and it is very lovely."



Name: Alexander

Age: 6

Answer: "I am going to be Dark Vader. My dad sent it to me and I like it a lot because he has a life saver."



Name: Emily Age: 11

Answer: "Guinevere, because its pretty and it fits -- its all I could find."



Name: Michael Age: 11

Answer: "A hobo, because nothing scares me. I can also be a pumpkin like my sister Katyln (she's 2)."



Name: Kyra Age: 8

Answer: "I am going to be a Tae Kwon Do girl. I am going to be in Tae Kwon Do because I think I will look good in the outfit."



# Halloween Activities

+Kids Halloween costume bowling 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, for ages 5-12. Cost will be \$1 per game per child. Shoe rental is free. Karaoke will be available.

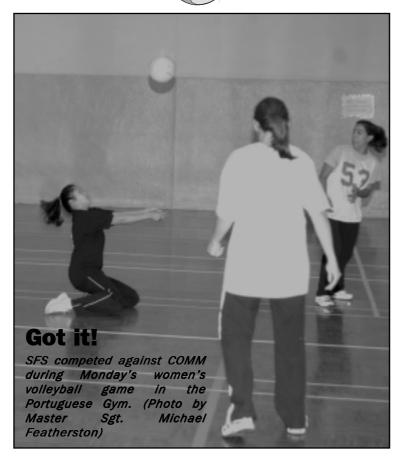
+Halloween Costume Night midnight bowl will be 8 to 10 p.m. Saturday for adults and teens. With costume, cost for an adult is \$1.50, for teens ages 13-17, \$1. Shoes will be \$.50. Without costume, normal fees will apply. For more information, call Luci Lima at 2-6169.

+The chapel will host Harvest Fest, an alternative to Halloween at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 2-4211.

+Trick or Treat will be 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday in base housing.

+Crossroads Theater Spooktacular Halloween --Saturday, 7 p.m., The Cave; 10 p.m., Scary Movie 3; midnight, Van Helsing. Sunday, 2 p.m. The Cave; 4 p.m., Harry Potter; 7 p.m. Red Eye.

+Haunted House: There will be a Haunted House at the LRS Compound, Bldg. T-505, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday for a "no scare" version and from 8 p.m. to midnight for the scary version. Cost is three euros for ages 13 and above, two euros for age 5 to 13 and one euro for children under 4. The Haunted House is an indoor event. For more information call 2-1197.



# **AFN Sports**

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# Friday

AFN-Sports

COLL FB: Boston College @ Virginia Tech, noon AFN-Atlantic

NHL: Washington Capitals @ Tampa Bay Lightning, 11:30 p.m.

## Saturday

#### AFN-Sports

COLL FB: Ohio State @ Minnesota, 4 p.m.

COLL FB: Georgia @ Florida, 7:30 p.m.

COLL FB: South Carolina @ Tennessee, 11:45 p.m.

#### AFN-Atlantic

COLL FB: Oklahoma @ Nebraska, 4 p.m.

COLL FB: Washington State @ USC, 7:30 p.m.

#### AFN-Pacific

COLL FB: North Carolina Tar Heels @ Miami Hurricanes, 4 p.m.

COLL FB: Maryland Terrapins @ Florida State Seminoles, 7:30, p.m.

# Sunday

#### AFN-Pacific

NASCAR Nextel Cup Series: Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500 (Atlanta Motor Speedway,) NBC NY, 4:30 p.m.

NFL: Miami Dolphins @ New Orleans Saints, 8:30 p.m.

#### AFN-Atlantic

NFL: Jacksonville Jaguars @ St. Louis Rams, 5 p.m.

NFL: Philadelphia Eagles @ Denver Broncos

NFL: Chicago Bears @ Detroit Lions, 11:30 p.m.

# AFN-Sports

NFL: Washington Redskins @ NY Giants, 5 p.m.

NFL: Kansas City Chiefs @ San Diego Chargers

Arizona Cardinals vs. Dallas Cowboys

Cleveland Browns vs. Houston Texans

# ARMCHAIR QUARTERBACK CHALLENGE

Each week during football season, the Crossroads publishes a list of the National Football League games of the week for Team Lajes to predict. The person with the most correct picks will win free movie passes (admit two), \$3 off any Burger King purchase and a "rent-one-get-one free" at the Shoppette donated by AAFES.

The number one-ranked Armchair Q.B. each week will get his or her name and photo published in the Crossroads and we'll also print any smack talk the winner chooses to submit. Congratulations to week seven's winner, **Ron Trembath** was last week's YOU Don't Know Jack Winner. He had a great comeback this week by only missing three. Now for the losers -- they get the honor of the "You Don't Know Jack" award. This week's loser was Charles McGee who has been deperately trying to win since Micah Bartron won in week one and slammed him.

Bring picks to the Public Affairs office in room 240 of Bldg. T-100 or e-mail them to lajesnews@lajes.af.mil. All entries must be submitted before the opening kickoff to the first game Sunday. In the case of a tie, a winner will be decided by who picks the closest combined score of the Monday Night game.

"Worst to First! Just like my 49ers will do next year. I'd like to thank Chris Helbig and Paul Firman for the support they gave me the past week."

-Ron Trembath



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Jacksonville Jaguars vs. St. Louis Rams	
Minnesota Vikings vs. Carolina Panthers	
Washington Redskins vs. New York Giants	
Chicago Bears vs. Detroit Lions	
Green Bay Packers vs. Cincinnati Bengals	
Oakland Raiders vs. Tennessee Titans	
Miami Dolphins vs. New Orleans Saints	
Kansas City Chiefs vs. San Diego Chargers	
Philadelphia Eagles vs. Denver Broncos	
Tampa Bay Buccaneers vs. San Francisco 49ers	
Buffalo Bills vs. New England Patriots	
Baltimore Ravens vs. Pittsburgh Steelers	
Total Points for Monday's Game:	



# **Combat Wingman**

The 65th Services Squadron and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service have teamed together to provide seven new Combat Wingman incentives.

Wingmen who produce a properly documented Wingman Card and are with their Wingman may take advantage of the following daily offers from these 65th SVS facilities:

# ■ Summer Wingman Bowling Special -

Cardholders receive three games of bowling each for \$3, plus shoes for \$1.

- Arts and crafts special Cardholders receive one hour of free hobby shop use.
- Auto hobby shop -Cardholders receive one hour of free auto hobby shop use.

These Wingman Wednesday incentives from AAFES are available on Wednesdays:

- Burger King Buy one value meal get the second one of equal or lesser value for half price.
- Base theater Get two admissions and two medium popcorns for \$9.99.
- Vescovie Coffee Shop Buy one cappuccino get one free.
- Shoppette Buy one cappuccino get one free or rent one video and get the second one of equal or lesser value free.

## **Combat Touch**

**Harvest Fest:** An alternative celebration for Halloween will be 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the chapel.

# **Combat Education**

Oklahoma University classes: The Masters of Human Relations degree program with University of Oklahoma is a 36 credit hour, non-thesis degree that can be completed within 16-24 months

The next course being offered for the fall is HR 5462-226, "Counseling Skills in Human Relations," an elective course toward a Master's degree in Human Relations degree. The course dates are Dec. 13-18. The last day to add/drop will be Monday. For more information, call Jacyln Kemp at 2-3171.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University:
Embry-Riddle is holding registration for the next onsite course, SFTY 345, through today. For more information, contact Terra Schellig at 295-573-375.

# **Project Wizard**

Story hour: The base library offers story time every Friday starting at 3 p.m., for children 7 and younger. Seasons, specials weeks, heritage months and holidays are covered in story hour themes.

Library Night Out: Library Night out is scheduled for 7:30 to 9 p.m. Dec. 1. Adults from the base are welcome to bring their favorite treat, brownies, cake or cookies. The library will provide coffee, music and books free of charge. For more information, call Patricia Arnold at 2-3688.

# **Combat Fitness**

## Fitness center hours:

5 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends and holidays. For more information, call 2-5151.

**5K Run:** There will be a 5K Fun Run 7 a.m. Monday at the fitness center

# Group Fitness Classes Monday

8:30 a.m. -- Step with

Noon -- Spin with Tina 4:15 p.m. -- Cardio Mix with Manuela

5:15 p.m. -- Aero Kombat with Celia

6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Celia

#### Tuesday

6 a.m. -- Spin with Dawn 8:30 a.m. -- Circuit Training with Celia 5:15 p.m. -- Circuit Training with Rui

6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Rui **Wednesday** 

8:30 a.m. -- Step with

Noon -- Spin with Tina 4:15 p.m. -- Cardio Mix with Manuela

5:15 p.m. -- Step with Manuela

6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Georgina

#### Thursday

6 a.m. -- Spin with Dawn 8:30 a.m. -- Circuit Training with Celia 5:15 p.m. -- Body Sculpting with Manuela 6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Manuela

#### Friday

8:30 a.m. -- Spin with Celia

Noon -- Spin with Tina 4:15 p.m. -- Cardio Mix with Manuela

5:15 p.m. -- Step with Celia

6:15 p.m. -- Spin with Celia

## Saturday

10 a.m. -- Spin with Celia 11 a.m. -- Circuit Training/Stretching with Rui

# **Project CHEER**

SUM Kickoff: Tuesday - There will be a Single and
unaccompanied member
Kickoff mixer 7 p.m. Tuesday
at the community center,
featuring the Band "Second
to Last"

Wacky Wednesday pizza: Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Ocean View Grill

**Karaoke:** Karaoke is scheduled Thursday beginning at 8 p.m. at the Top of the Rock Club.

**First Friday Celebration:** The First Friday celebration will be Nov. 4 at 5 p.m at the TORC.

**70's Dance Party:** A dance party is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 5. More information will follow in further issues.

**Football Frenzy:** Watch the games beginning at 5 p.m. at the TORC.

**SUM tour:** The SUM tour will be 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Nov. 11. The group will go to the Sao Joao Baptista Fort and water Cave. Meet at the family support center.

Lajes Idol Tres: Lajes Idol will be will begin with open Karaoke at 8 p.m. Nov. 12, in the TORC Ballroom. A competition with five active-duty members and five civilians will begin at 10 p.m. For details call Capt. Lisa Tauai a 2-3889.



# **Combat Touch**

Kathy Grimes volunteers to help at AWANA Night at the Lajes Base Chapel, distributing prizes to participating children. (Photo by Senior Airman Jacob McCarthy)



Submission deadline is Thursday one week prior to publication. E-mail announcements in normal text with event, location, date, time, point of contact's full name and phone number/e-mail address to news@lajes.af.mil. For on-base numbers, dial 295-57 and the last four digits.

## Local events

Economic fair: The Chamber of Commerce of Angra is hosting the fair of activities, economic "Temát&ca 2005," through Nov. 20 in a tent located adjacent to the Musical Club of Angra in Vinha Brava. The fair will include a series of expositions throughout the coming weekends featuring diverse themes such as fashion, cars and tuning, tourism and leisure times, construction materials, etc.

This weekend's exposition theme is "Home materials."

The fair's expositions will be Fridays: 8 p.m. - Midnight; Saturdays: 3 p.m. – Midnight; and Sundays: 3-11 p.m. Admission is free.

Concert in Praia Theater: There will be a concert in the Praia's Theater at 9:30 p.m. today, featuring U.S. jazz musicians Ahmad Jamal, Idris Muhamed and James Cammack. Tickets can be purchased at the door two hours before the show.

# Base events

Heartlink: The next Heartlink is Thursday. Heart Link is an orientation program for military spouses. This program offers a day full of fun while learning about the Air Force's mission, customs, traditions, protocol support services and resources. The goal is to strengthen military families and enhance mission readiness. Active-duty members with families can obtain a certificate from the family support center to be excused from duty to watch their children so spouses may attend this informative program.

For details, or to sign up, call the FSC at 2-4138.

Newborn care class A Newborn Care Class, sponsored by the 65th Medical Group is scheduled for 1 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Bldg. T-416 conference room. Topics covered will include newborn appearance, daily care including bathing and diapering, feeding, crying, colic, growth and development, safety, ill-

ness, immunizations and more. Included in the class is a car seat workshop to teach proper placement. Participants are asked to bring the care seat they intend to use.

For more information or to sign up, call Staff Sgt. Mayer at 2-6731 or 295-576-731.

Scholarship Opportunity: The Lajes Enlisted Spouses' Club is proud to announce that they will be awarding \$2000 in scholarships to spouses of enlisted service members. Applicants must have enrolled in at least one full term during the 2005 academic year and have maintained a 2.5 GPA or higher. Online courses will be accepted. Applications may be picked up at any of the college offices or at the family support center, and must be submitted by Nov. 18. For more information contact Jamie Thorn at 295-515-145.

## Volunteer/jobs

#### AAFES nail technician:

AAFES is looking for a qualified nail technician to professionally perform manicures and pedicures as well as acrylic nail sets. Applicants must be willing to work flexible hours Tuesday-Saturday.

For details, call Lucille at the Beauty Shop at 2-4124.

Services vacancies: The 65th Services Squadron has a vacancy for a recreation aid at the youth center. To apply visit the 65th SVS Human Resources Office in Bldg. T-112 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For a list of the most current vacancies, call the HRO staff at 295-575-200 or 2-5200.

Lajes High School Wrestling Team needs volunteers: The team needs Airmen who have wrestling experience to train the new wrestlers. Wrestling is an indoor winter sport that is extremely physical and will make all who participate in it very fit. This will be considered as a Combat Fitness and PT related event. There will be a meeting Wednesday at the high school for people interested in volunteering. For details, contact Elizabeth Pears at 2-4151.

# At the movies

Today: 7 p.m., "Red Eye," rated

Lisa Reisert hates to fly, but the terror that awaits her on the night flight to Miami has nothing to do with a fear

of flying. Moments after takeoff, Lisa's seatmate, Jackson menacingly reveals the real reason he's on board: He is an operative in a plot to kill a rich and powerful businessman, and Lisa is the key to its success. If she refuses to cooperate, an assassin awaiting a call from Jackson will kill her father. Trapped within the confines of a jet at 30,000 feet, Lisa has nowhere to run and no way to summon help without endangering her father, her fellow passengers and her own life. As the miles tick by, Lisa knows she is running out of time. She desperately looks for a way to thwart her ruthless captor and stop a terrible

## Saturday: 7 p.m., "The Cave," rated PG-13.

A rescue team is sent down into the world's largest cave system to try to find the spelunkers who first explored its depths. But when the group's escape route is cut off, they are hunted by the monstrous creatures that live down below.

Saturday: 10 p.m. Halloween Double Feature - "Scary Movie 3" Halloween Rated PG-13 and "Van Helsing" Rated PG-13



Sunday: 2 p.m. - "The Cave"

Sunday: 4 p.m. Kid's Halloween Feature - "Harry Potter"

Sunday: 7 p.m. - "Red Eye" Wednesday: 7 p.m. - "The Cave" Thursday: 7 p.m. - "Red Eye"

**Note:** Movies and times shown are subject to change.

# Classifieds

Submit ads via e-mail to news@lajes.af.mil. Ads are due by 5 p.m. Friday. Please remember to notify the Crossroads when items have been sold.

For sale: Men's Mountain Bike - like new used only a handful of times. Trying to reduce my pack-out inventory. \$75. Call Chris — 295-549-303.

2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo, Champagne, auto, PCSing must sell. Great family vehicle and in exc. cond. New CD player, power locks, windows, and steering!! 50K miles, brand new brakes/rotars, and nearly new tires!! Asking \$10,000, will ate. Call Justin or Amanda at 295-549-660 or e-mail mandecurtis@yahoo.com.

For Sale: Two Dehumidifers great condition \$60 a piece. Kids bedroom matching set of a bookcase, short dresser, and long dresser great condition \$100 all together. One tall fan \$10. One small heater \$10 .For more information call 295-549-660.

2006 Terceira Calendars -- Make great Christmas gifts or island memories! \$16 each. Limited quantities. E-mail: zellfamily@yahoo.com or call 295-549-188.

For Sale: White crib w/ mattress, call for details, \$100 obo; 2-27" TV's \$25 each, pcsing must sell. Call Mitch or Brandi 295-515-798

1994 FORD ESCORT for sale purchased new in Spain, Europe. specs power steering, interior/ exterior excellent condition Inspection good until 9/06 contact: janeen.teixeira@eu.dodea.edu cell: 964139793 home: 295-543-166 will accept best offer

For sale: 1990 Peugeot 205 2 dr hatchback New alternator \$1,000 negotiable; 1988 Renault 21 GTS 4 dr Inspection good until May 06 Featured in AFN Lajes Hit commercial "Slow Down in Housing" New brakes, starter, hubcaps. Pow locks and windows. SEAT BELTS WORK AWESOME! Great family car. \$1,000, negotiable Both cars have Portuguese plates. PCSing Nov. 4. Call 295-549-159, 295-573-497 or e-mail: richard.gonzales@lajes.af.mil

2003 Kawasaki KLR 650cc dual sport motorcycle with > 3000 miles asking 4,000 dollars call for more information 962-074-157 any time